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News Release

HPD Conducts Active Shooter Training

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The Harrisonburg Police Department will be conducting active shooter training this week.

On Aug. 2 and Aug. 9 members of HPD, Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, James Madison University Police Department, Harrisonburg Fire Department, and Harrisonburg Rockingham Emergency Communications Center will partner with the Harrisonburg City Public Schools for a day-long training event.

Officers will be training in the classroom practicing different tactics and techniques. The second portion of the day will be spent playing out various scenarios.

"The goal in training is to create real-life situations to test the officer's skills," said Mary-Hope Vass, HPD's Public Information Officer and Crime Analyst. "Working with different agencies and putting officers in a high stress environment will only enhance the scenario."

There will be an increased police presence and activity during both training days.

This particular training is not open to the general public.

Note to media: Members of the media are invited to observe during the afternoon scenarios on **Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.** Please contact me if you are interested in attending the training and I will notify you of where to go.

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